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INDUSTRIAL EMPIRE BEGUN

Gallantry Wins Reward

Winners of Scout award for gallantry in saving a fellow Scout from drowning at Beaver Lake last May, Victoria Scouts Shon Mockridge, 15, at top, and John Clemens, 13,, were among nine British Columbians on list of honors and awards announced yesterday by the Boy Scouts of Canada. The awards announcement was a highlight of Boy Scout Week. See story, Page 24.—(Colonist photo by Jim Ryan)

Canada Places Its Defence In U.S. Hands

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada Friday entrusted its defence almost wholly to the United States.

It admitted that it can't stand the pace in weapons development—not surprisingly, in view of this country's limited manpower and financial resources—and turned the job over to the U.S.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced that the supersonic Arrow jet interceptor has been ditched and that the U.S. will pay two-thirds of the cost of installing in Canada the American Bomarc anti-aircraft missile system (See story page 2.)

SQUADRONS REPLACED

In place of nine RCAF CF-100 interceptor squadrons, Canada will have two Bomarc bases whose weapons and control equipment will be developed in the U.S.

The government "expects" that Canadian companies will get a "fair and reasonable share" of production contracts for this equipment.

What this comes down to is that Canada may share in the production of components of new weapons but never again will develop and build on its own a complete weapons system.

COST BIG FACTOR

Cost, and not military requirement, was the governing factor in the decision to abandon the Arrow.

In 1956, the Canadian economy was going along swimmingly and $200,000,000 for Arrow development up to that time caused hardly a ripple.

But in 1957 the economy began to contract. The government ran into a big deficit in the current fiscal year and faces another in 1959-60.

EXPERT ADVICE

Certainly the expert advice was that the RCAF needed a new interceptor. RCAF Air Marshal Roy Slemon, deputy chief of North American air defence command, said so publicly last November.

U.S. Air Secretary James Douglas has announced that the U.S. will proceed with development of the F-108 interceptor to police the Arctic. In the British Commons yesterday Air Secretary George Ward said the age of fighter aircraft is not over despite improved types of missiles.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON—A Capital Airlines passenger plane and an air force C-123 nearly collided above Charleston W. Va., in the fourth "near-miss" incident reported by commercial airliners this week.

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MOSCOW — Russia awaits arrival today of British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on a "reconnaissance" mission with "caution."

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KAMPALA, Uganda — The Queen Mother was cheered by leading representatives when she opened Uganda's new sports centre.

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EL PASO, Tex.—Army officials revealed that a Nike-Hercules guided missile went awry, crashed and exploded near a ranch home yesterday. Family of five survived.

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EDMONTON — Municipalities will be assessed one more mill during the 1959-60 fiscal year to pay for increased costs in the Alberta Hospitalization Plan.

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VANCOUVER — Canada's most modern and complete forest research laboratory was opened at the University of British Columbia.

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WASHINGTON — Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. envoy to Italy, is under consideration for appointment as the next U.S. ambassador to Brazil.

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OTTAWA — Prime Minister Diefenbaker has ruled out Canadian participation in plan to pave Canadian section of the Alaska Highway.

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ALOR STAR, Malaya — Prince Abdul Halim, 32, became Malaya's youngest ruler as sultan of Kedah state.

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HAVANA — Firing squads shot 12 Batista-regime soldiers at Santa Clara, in central Cuba, on war crimes charges.

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MELBOURNE—A crowd of 28,000 heard evangelist Billy Graham speak at Melbourne's new open-air Music Bowl.

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SAN FRANCISCO—A Pan-American DC-7C passenger airliner crashed and burned on a runway at International Airport after it was caught in a "one in a million" downdraft. No one was injured.

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ACAPULCO, Mexico—President Eisenhower and Mexico's President Adolfo Lopez Mateos agreed to build a joint $100,000,000 dam on the Rio Grande.

How Do I Look?

Janet Stenstrom, right, helps Carole Johnson prepare her costume during yesterday's dress rehearsal by more than 500 skaters for the giant ice show which will be given at Memorial Arena on Monday and Tuesday under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Victoria Figure Skating Club and the Minor Hockey Association, which are trying to raise $123,000 for another ice surface at the arena.—(Colonist photo)

Wenner-Gren Plan Related

VANCOUVER (CP)—Consulting engineers have been instructed to draw up designs for a 500-foot hydro dam on the Peace River in northeastern British Columbia.

It would form the basis for what is described as the world's largest power project.

Executives of the Peace River Power Development Company told a press conference Friday the proposed site of the main dam is in the Peace River canyon about 16 miles west of Hudson Hope, a small community 80 miles west of the Alberta border and 150 miles north of Prince George.

CHOSEN FROM THREE

The site was chosen from three studied in surveys which so far have cost the company some $3,000,000 and will cost another $2,000,000 before detailed plans can be presented to the B.C. government for approval.

The dam itself, the company said, will be of rock and earth fill, rising 500 feet from the river's turbulent surface and stretching 7,750 feet between its banks.

START IN MAY, 1960

If the provincial government okays detailed plans and engineering reports which must be submitted by year's end, the company would be ready to start construction in May, 1960, and be producing at least 500,000 horsepower by 1965 or 1966. Eventual production from that dam and others constructed downstream would be in the neighborhood of 4,000,000 horsepower.

The hydro project is part of a vast development scheme in northern B.C. promoted by Swedish multi-millionaire Axel Wenner-Gren.

TWO-DAY MEETING

A decision on the dam site came after a two-day meeting of the company's directors.

Four of them answered press conference questions: Sir Andrew MacTaggart of London, board chairman; deputy chairman Bernard Gore, representing the Wenner-Gren interests; William C. Mainwaring of Vancouver, who left a job as executive vice-president of the giant B.C. Electric Company to become president of Peace River Power, and Ralph Chantrill, a director.

Two new directors, R. H. H. McGill, representing Power Securities Ltd., and H. F. Akehurst, of British Insulated Callender's Cables Ltd., have been appointed.

LARGEST LAKE

The dam would create the largest man-made lake in the world, stretching more than 200 miles back along the Peace and its tributaries into the Rocky Mountain trench area of central B.C.

Over-all construction costs, said Sir Andrew, would be in the broad range of from $200,000,000 to $500,000,000. The lower figure would be for early stages of the development and would possibly rise to the higher figure when completed.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Mr. Mainwaring envisioned an industrial complex in northeastern B.C., at the source of Peace River power, which would include pulp and paper mills, uranium refining, ore processing, cement manufacture and petro-chemical industries.

Servants Consider Strike

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's civil servants have been asked if they want to strike to back up pay demands on the provincial government.

Offices of the B.C. Government Employees' Association announced Friday that strike ballots have been mailed to its 11,250 members.

The association says it had no alternative but to call for the vote because of the government's failure to provide sufficient funds in the 1959-60 estimates to enable the payment of wage increases agreed upon by the association and the Civil Service Commission.

Boycott Hoffa —Chant

Public Works Minister W. N. Chant last night called upon British Columbia labor leaders to boycott the anticipated visit to British Columbia in April of Teamster union president James Hoffa.

"I note with interest Teamster president James Hoffa intends paying a call on B.C. in April," Mr. Chant said. "In view of his record, I feel sure that our responsible labor leaders in British Columbia will have no truck nor trade with him."

Mr. Chant, who in the legislature on Monday charged "union leaders in some quarters have replaced bootlegging, the rackets and gambling as the domain of the hoodlum and gangster," said he had received numerous letters and phone calls and they were 12 to 1 in favor of his comments.

Circle Crash Injures Three

Three persons were taken to hospital after a two-car collision at the Douglas Street Fountain Circle at 9.45 last night.

James Percy, 2725 Douglas, suffering injuries to the head, was admitted to Royal Jubilee Hospital, where he later was listed in "fairly good" condition.

Congo Tense

Death Toll at 98 As Riots Spread

BRAZZAVILLE, Congo Republic (Reuters) — The death toll in five days of rioting here climbed to 98 Friday while new disturbances involving Africans were reported from the Belgian Congo and Nyasaland.

Fighting between rival political factions subsided at night, however, and hospital officials set the toll in the battles at 98 dead and 170 injured.

Some 350 persons are under arrest.

The end to the fighting was achieved by troops flown in two days ago to reinforce police. But the atmosphere remained tense as soldiers joined police in carrying out a house-to-house search for the shotguns, guns, knives, spears and makeshift weapons used in the battles.

On Thursday, crowds of African refugees, mainly women and children, fled by ferry and dugout canoe across the broad Congo River which separates the capital of this former French territory from Leopoldville, Belgian Congo capital which was the scene of anti-white riots last month.

At the crux of the rioting here is the enmity between followers of Prime Minister Fulbert Youlou and Opposition Leader Jacques Opangault, who was arrested Thursday night.

Police said Opangault will be charged with provoking crimes and offences and will be prosecuted under the law banning "incitement to sedition, rebellion and looting."

In the Belgian Congo, African crowds Thursday night stormed and looted Belgian administrative offices and ransacked a Roman Catholic church.

In Nyasaland, troops and police from two territories of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nysaland were sent in to halt rioting in three towns 50 miles apart.

Tug Sinking A Mystery

An inquest jury at Ganges, inquiring into the deaths of six men who lost their lives when the tugboat Henry Foss sank off Salt Spring Island Feb. 13, decided yesterday that the men drowned after the tug sank from unknown causes.

Patrols Return in Cyprus After Surprise Protest

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters) —British soldiers were back patrolling the dividing line between Greek and Turkish quarters of Nicosia Friday night following surprise demonstrations by angry young Turkish Cypriots.

Placard-carrying students protesting Thursday's signing in London of an agreement to make the British colony an independent republic marched through Nicosia streets.

SCORNFUL SHOUTS

The shouted scorn at Greek Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios and Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes.

"Down with Makarios, give us partition," they cried, and said Menderes was "sold for dollars."

FIRST DISAGREEMENT

It was the first time Turkish Cypriots have disagreed with any of their leaders and the noisy disagreement surprised British and Turk circles here.

Greek Cypriots apparently accepted the new agreement —chiefly because of their faith in Makarios—although they had campaigned for union with Greece for more than three years.

TV Space Tale Panics Britons

LONDON (Reuters) — ". . . London is to be evacuated.

"There is a spaceship overhead and we must keep calm . . ."

Television screens showed a motionless satellite hovering over London.

So began a television program Friday night that caused panic in some British homes and recalled the pre-war alarm in the United States when Orson Welles produced his "War of the Worlds" radio program in 1938.

Frightened viewers telephoned Scotland Yard for details, and others complained strongly to studios of the commercial network Associated-Rediffusion.

The play, "Before the Sun Goes Down," caused a viewer in Wales to complain to the TV studio that his wife had fainted. A London man demanded the play be stopped because his pregnant wife was frightened.

"It was awful, the worst thing I have ever seen," said another.

Associated-Rediffusion later apologized to viewers and explained that the opening announcement was made to create atmosphere.

"It was, of course, publicized as a play, but nevertheless we should like to apologize if the opening caused any distress," an announcer said at the end of the program.

Doctors, RCAF Fail To Save Tiny Baby

COMOX—Medical skill and the resources of the RCAF failed to save the life of a 27-ounce baby, one of the tiniest in B.C. medical records, born in St. Joseph's Hospital here.

The one-pound, 11-ounce baby, a girl, was born prematurely Sunday, to Mrs. Carl Johnson, 2417 Adanac, Vancouver, a few hours after the mother said goodbye to her husband leaving from here for a job at Toba Inlet.

An RCAF aircraft from Comox air base rushed the baby in an incubator to St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, but she died less than 24 hours after being admitted, doctors said.

Bennett 'Union' —No Overtime

Premier Bennett is a union man, it was learned yesterday.

Opposition Leader Robert Strachan discovered the fact when he hurriedly moved endorsement of a report from the legislative agriculture committee which was read in the House near closing time, and with which Mr. Strachan was pleased.

"I move endorsement," Mr. Strachan said.

"I move adjournment," the premier said before any action could be taken on the endorsement motion.

"You don't want to endorse it," snapped Mr. Strachan.

"I'm a union man," smiled the premier looking up at the clock which read 6 p.m., the time the House always adjourns.